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SUBJECT: IREX SPRING PLACEMENT TALKS

1. HERE ARE EMBASSY'S THOUGHTS ON UPCOMING IREX VISIT.
PLEASE PASS AND DISCUSS WITH IREX.

2. IREX OF COURSE FULLY AWARE OF LENINGRAD SPILLOVER
PROBLEM FOR US PARTICIPANTS DESIRING MOSCOW PLACEMENT.
SINCE 1975/76 SAW REPEAT OF THIS PROBLEM WHICH AROSE IN
1974/75 WHEN LEVEL ROSE TO 50, WE CAN EXPECT SAME
TREATMENT NEXT YEAR UNLESS STRONG POSITION AGAINST IT IS
TAKEN DURING UPCOMING TALKS. THIS PROBLEM HAS CAUSED MAJOR
INEFFICIENCIES TO GRANTEES' STUDY PLANS AS WELL AS PERSONAL
HARDSHIPS. IT DEMANDS A MAJOR PROPORTION OF THE EMBASSY CONGEN
TIME WHICH IS SPENT AIDING GRANTEES. RECOMMEND THAT MHE BE TOLD THAT
IF SOME LARGE NUMBER OF MIS-MATCHES OBTAINS FOR 176-77.
GY/YF QUOTE WILL BE REDUCED ACCORDINGLY IN NEW
1977/79 CULTURAL AGREEMENT PROGRAM. ONE ESCAPE VALVE WHICH
MIGHT BE TOPPED IS MORE FLEXIBLE PLACEMENT FOR SOCIAL
SCIENTISTS AND ECONOMISTS IN MOSCOW INSTITUTES OTHER THAN
MGU, ALONG LINES OF POLITICAL SCIENTIST RENSSELAER
LEE'S VERY SUCCESSFUL PLACEMENT AT RAILWAY INSTITUTE IN
1973-74.

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3. WE HAVE LITTLE CONSTRUCTIVE TO ADD TO THE DETAILED

LETTER OF SOCIAL SCIENCE GRANTEES TO IREX AND KASSOF'S
THOUGHTFUL REPLY ON THE NEED FOR A MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH
IN FACILITATING THE WORK OF AMERICAN GRANTEES IN THESE
NEWER DISCIPLINES. WE RECOMMEND A FULL AND FRIENDLY
EXPLORATION WITH BAZHANOV OF MINISTRY'S INABILITY OR UNWILLING-
NESS TO ARRANGE FOR GRANTEES CONSULTATIONS NEEDED WITH OTHER
MINISTRIES, ACADEMY INSTITUTES, ETC., POINTING OUT THAT
THE PROPORTION OF GRANTEES REQUIRING A MORE FLEXIBLE APPROACH
IS BOUND TO INCREASE AS IREX BROADENS ITS BASE IN SOCIAL
SCIENCES, LAW, INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, AND PERHAPS SCIENCE.
POINT SHOULD BE MADE THAT CONTINUED HIGH NUMERICAL LEVEL--
AND ANY EXPANSION--OF GS/YF PROGRAM DEPENDS, FOR AMERICAN
SIDE, ON THIS BROADENING WHICH IN TURN WILL CALL FOR
HARDER WORK BY MHE TO MAKE INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS A SUCCESS.

4. ASSUME IREX VISITORS WILL ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS
WITH MHE REPS MINISTRY'S CURRENT RELATIONSHIP WITH
ARCHIVE ADMINISTRATION AND HOW THIS AFFECTS ACCESS
AND REPRODUCTION OPPORTUNITIES.
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